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Community Calendar

Jazz To Fill Cathedral Park

The third weekend in July is the time for the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, an annual event presented by St. John's area sponsors and produced independently. The festival will be open all day on the lawn under the St. Johns bridge on Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and July 16.

Heritage Day For Children

The Oregon History Center presents Heritage Day for Children, Sunday, July 30 at Pioneer Courthouse Square. Volunteers are needed. To help with children's activities, call 306-5210.

Boozer Golf Tourney Slated

The 5th annual James Boozer Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held Saturday, July 15 at Glendoveer Golf Course. Trophies and prizes, a hole in one contest, door prizes and a silent auction are part of the activities with donations going to the Coalition of Black Men's Omega Boys and Girls Club. For more information call Kimberly Maney at 321-5119.

Women Rally To Oppose Clinton Act

Radical Women hold a summer soup and salad dinner July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett, to discuss the impact of President Clinton's Anti-Terrorism Act. The group opposes the act, being advanced in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, claiming it will clamp down on free speech and assembly rights.

Blue Lake Music Series Opens

Metro's Music by Blue Lake summer concert series features a lineup of national and international acts and local favorites at Blue Lake Regional Park. Concerts are held every Thursday through Aug. 10 with the concert area opening at 5 p.m. and two hour performances beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Walk On The Wild Side

You are invited to enjoy breakfast and entertainment at the Portland zoo following a five-mile walk through the wilds of Washington Park and the West Hills. The event is held Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the Washington Park Zoo's north parking lot. Proceeds from entry fees will benefit the zoo's endangered species program.

Fair Features Luxurious Clothes

If you love animals and have an eye for exquisite clothing made from fine fiber producing animals, then you'll like what you see at the first ever Alpaca Fiber Fair held this weekend, July 7-9 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro.

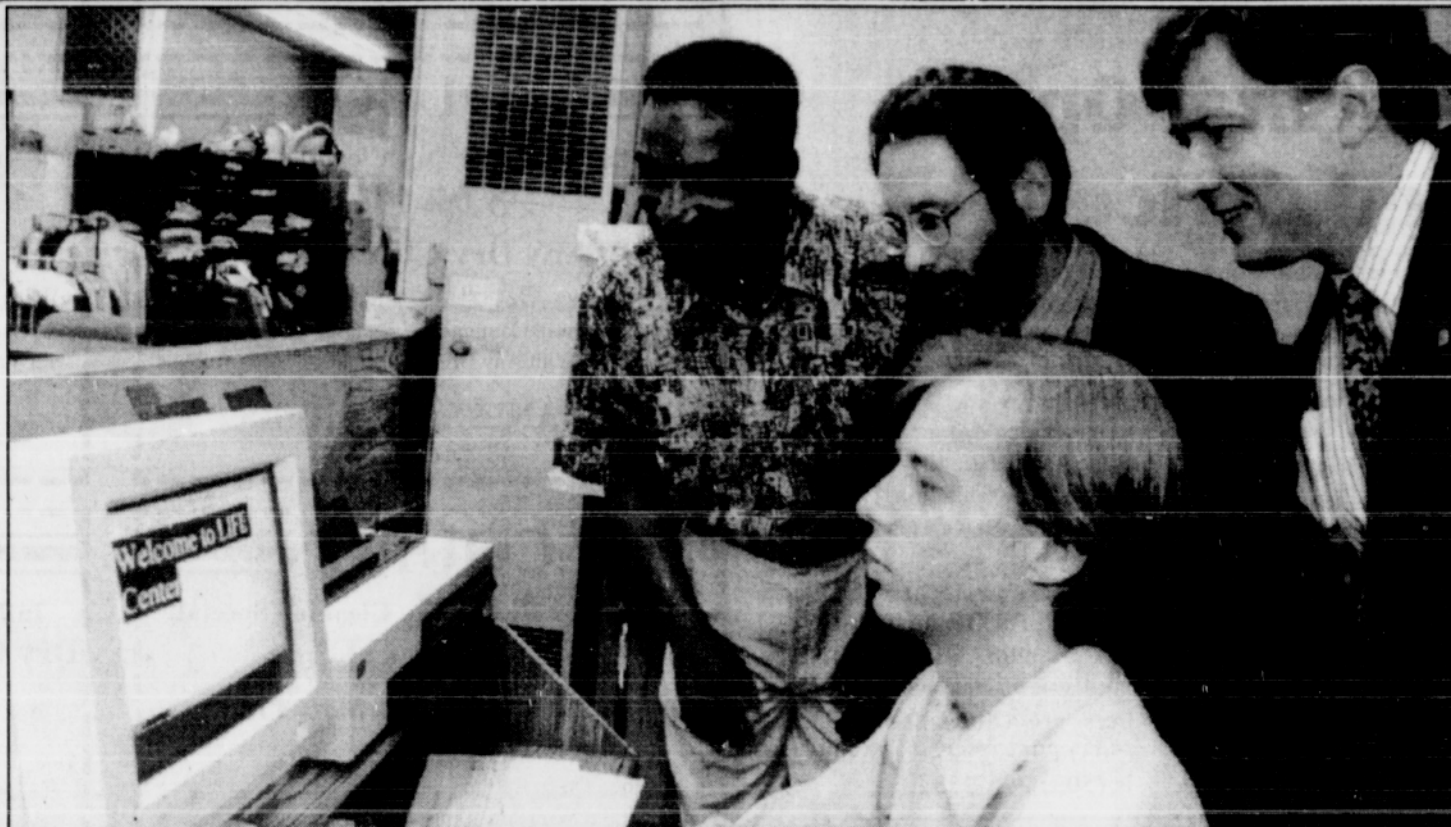
Foodstock Returns To Laurelhurst

Saturday, July 22, will be a day of family fun as Foodstock returns for the third year to Laurelhurst Park in southeast Portland. The benefit for Loaves and Fishes begins at 11 a.m. with a free concert in the park featuring local Portland music legends.

July Means Pool Fun Days

A series of special Fun Days begin this month at Portland pools. These are popular events with splash contests, penny dives, water basketball and other aqua-games. For more information call 823-SWIM.

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Dave Zudel puts a new computer through a test run with Life Center Executive Director Charles Carter (from left), board chair Richard Rickel, and Larry Novell, president of Columbia-Willamette United Way. The equipment was donated by IBM Corp. through the United Way. The Life Center is a low-income emergency relief organization at 2746 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

House Of Umoja Finds Support

A program working to pull young men out of the gang-involved lifestyle, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The monies will support outreach services for House of Umoja, a program serving north and northeast Portland.

Operating on an "extended family" Afro-Centric model, the program offers an alternative to gang life with a dose of strong personal support, according to Johnny A. Gage, House of Umoja executive director.

Over 300 gang-affected young men and their families have been helped by the program since outreach work began in 1990. A residential component of the program opened in February 1991 and now serves up to 15 youth at a time.

The grant was made possible through the foundation's William Swindells Sr. Memorial Fund.

Summer Carnival For Kids

All kids ages 4 to 13 who live in north and northeast Portland are invited to join the fun at a free carnival on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by Housing Our Families and Portland Parks and

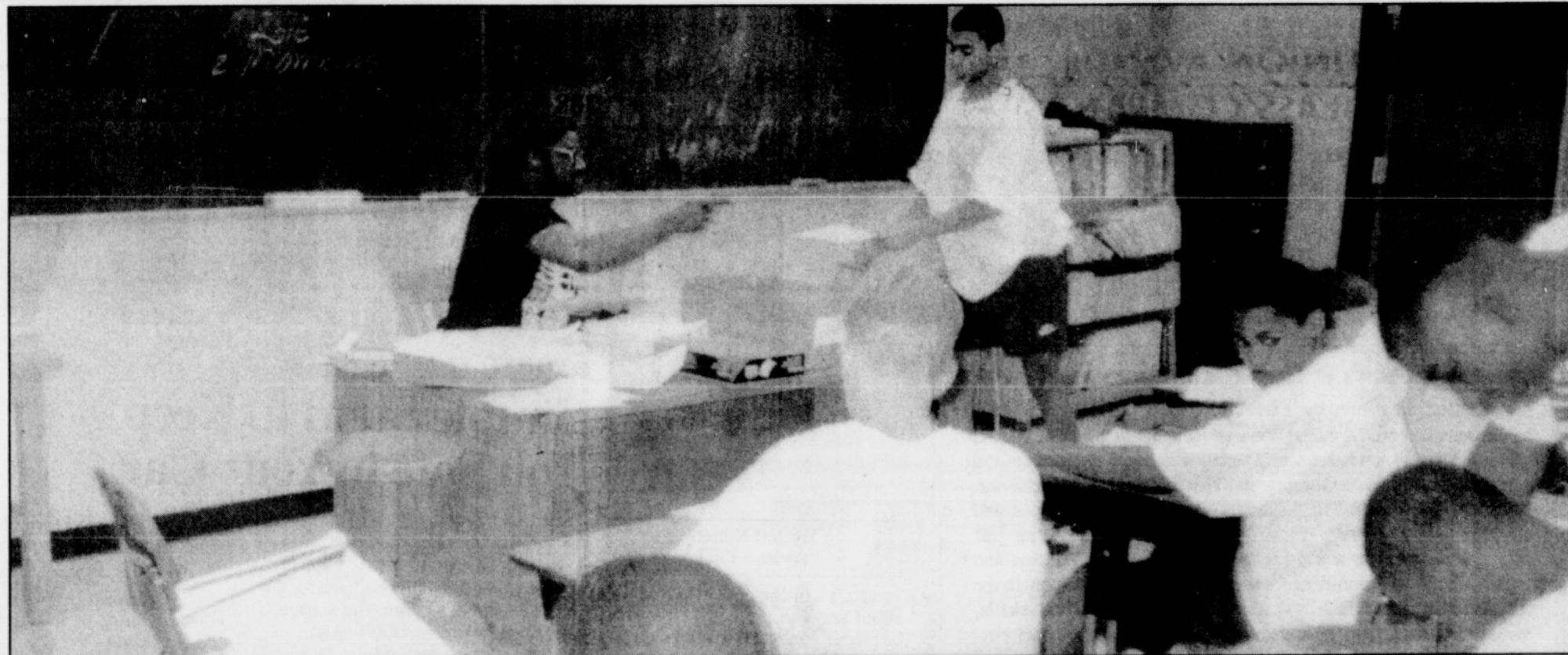
Recreation.

The carnival will be held at Unthank Park at the corner of North Shaver and Kerby.

There will be lots of games, including juggling, a free throw contest, balloon toss, relay races, a limbo contest and much more.

Come enjoy free hot dogs, snow cones, cold drinks and other snacks. And don't miss the great prizes. Fun-loving adults and teens are needed to help supervise the activities.

For more information and to volunteer, call 335-0947.



Teacher Donald Dixon helps prepare high school athletes for college SAT testing. Academics come with the program at a Self Enhancement summer basketball camp. (Photo by Michael Leighton)

Area Kids Get Boost At Summer Camps

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

Portland area kids are preparing for life after sports in a series of basketball camps this summer.

"This is about life," explains Tony Hopson, director of Self Enhancement, Inc. "Basketball is just the button to push."

SEI sponsors the camps as just one of many of its programs to get kids at risk past the obstacles in life and toward success in adulthood.

The camps draw some of the best athletes in the Portland area with the emphasis on basketball fundamentals and the attention they draw from college recruiters.

But for every basketball to pick up, there is school work to perform.

We teach there is life after sports and to understand basketball is a temporary thing," Hopson said.

The kids learn how athletics can be used as means to get somewhere else, to succeed at school and as an adult.

Broken into a daily regiment of 8 periods, the camps go through a rotating curriculum of classroom instruction and basketball practice and competition over a week long period.

The classroom instruction includes work on preparing for SAT college testing and career exploration.

Hopson said the goal is for all of the students to go to college.

Recent camps at Whitaker Middle School drew about 70 high school boys, while a

camp for high school girls was held at Jefferson High School with about 75 participants. A camp was also planned for middle school-age children.

During a recent high school boys camp, the kids showed a great deal of enthusiasm during an assembly, cheering for announcements by teachers and introductions to visitors.

"We participate as a group," Hopson said. "It's a family atmosphere with positive peer pressure."

The Habitat Home Building Center is beginning to take a finished look with new siding, windows and a roof. The center at Northeast 15th and Killingsworth will provide office space and room for building materials, a conference room and dormitories. Construction began in March and is scheduled to be completed in mid August.

(Photo by Michael Leighton)

